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1. General Comments

Two general comments should be made about the paper before beginning a discussion of specific points.

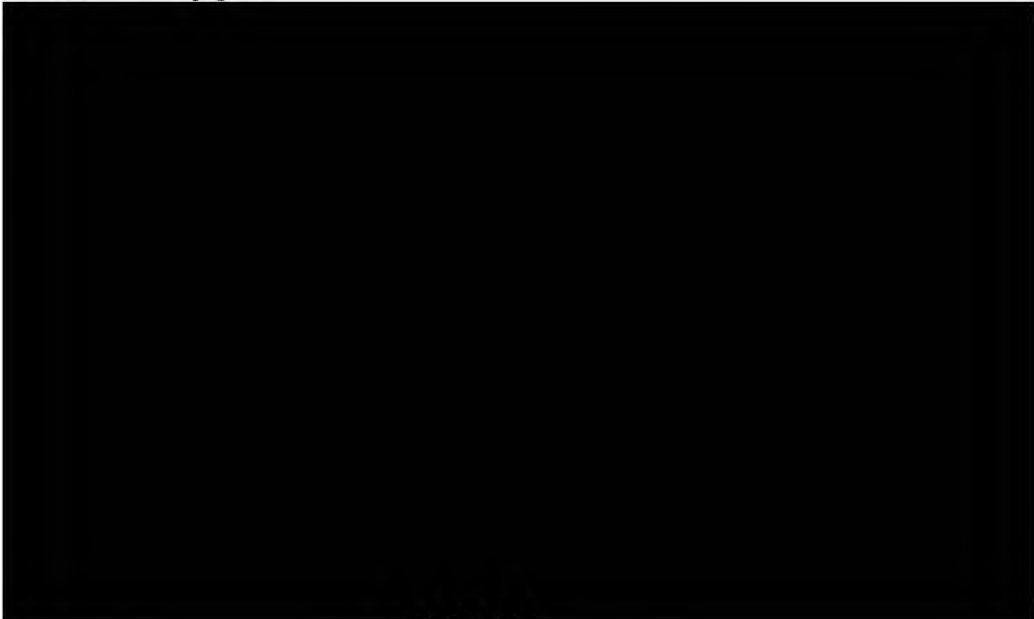
a. The graphics are almost uniformly poor. While it is understood that the copy in the hands of this reader is a so-called "rough" copy even making allowance for this fact does not justify the condition of most of the illustrations in the paper. In addition to being hazy, fuzzy, dark, and generally illegible the graphics not only do not illustrate, in many cases, the point of discussion in the text and in other cases are not even necessary from the point of view of the intention of the paper. More detailed criticisms of the illustrations follow in the specific comments.

b. In many cases, certain points that are made in the discussion are described in detail while an equally important point immediately preceding or following the well detailed one is limited to a single, general, statement of the item. Again, more detailed criticism follows in the specific comments.

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2. Specific comments

This section will deal, on a page-by-page basis, with the various items in the paper.



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g. The pressure of other work makes it impossible for this reader to edit the entire paper in the detail desirable. Comments such as those mentioned in a thru f can be made throughout the paper. This should not be construed as an opinion that the paper is of no value. Quite the opposite is true. Many points are very well taken in the paper and it seems to cover the subject most thoroughly. It should be carefully edited however from the point of view of clarifying all illustrations and making them germane to the text. The text as a whole is well done but it should be reviewed, perhaps by the writer, in an attempt to add details where necessary to provide clarity.

A list of the illustrations beyond figs 6 follows with a word or two about this readers impression of them.

Fig. 7 Hazy

Fig. 8 Good illustration, reproduction poor

Fig. 9 Too poor to understand

Fig. 10 Good

Fig. 11 Not pertinent to paper

Fig. 12 " " " "

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Figs. 13, 16, & 17 Good

Fig. 14

Fig. 15

Fig. 18. Usefulness of illustration is doubtful

Fig. 19 do.

Fig. 20 do.

Fig. 21 do.

Fig. 22 Larger plot with more details listed might be more useful

Fig. 23 Not clear enough

Fig. 24 do.

Fig. 25 Is all this necessary?

Fig. 27 ~~xxxx~~ Poor photo

Fig. 28 OK

Fig. 29 No clear at all

Fig. 30 OK but better photo should be available

Fig. 31 Necessary?

Fig. 32 So what?

Fig 35 OK

Fig 36 Necessary?

Fig 37 OK but not sharp

Fig 38 thru 42 OK but are they necessary?

Fig 43, 44, 45 Not clear & of questionable value

Fig 46 Not clear

Fig 47 thru 57 All OK but this reader doubts the usefulness of them
in this paper.